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July Meetings Info

The Board Meeting will be held on **July 19 at 6:30 pm, before the Membership Meeting.**

The Membership Meeting will be held in person on **Tuesday, July 19 at 7:00 pm.**



The President's Message

- by Lynn Taylor

That Summer Feeling

Big thanks to Thomas Hale for his presentation on the Northern VA Trap Rock Quarries last month. News of his publication is great! Pamm Bryant will be our speaker this month, presenting her program on Wildacres. As a past Registrar and Director, Pamm

can give us a behind-the-scenes stories, and tips and hints for planning your visit.

Board members are still analyzing the Lapidary survey and will provide further info and next steps soon.

We are back on schedule for the second week of August meeting. It will be convened on **August 9**, in the usual location.

No wire-wrapping class in July (tornado took out some trees, so work ongoing).

Keep an eye on the ground, and the other on the sky - Lynn

Calendar of Events – July 2022

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June Membership Meeting Minutes

For the Richmond Gem & Mineral Society

June 14, 2022

The June meeting was opened by President Lynn Taylor by welcoming all in attendance to the meeting. Lynn welcomed the following guests to our meeting and asked that each one would tell the group their main interest:

Guest	Interest	Source
Pam	Geology	Rock Swap/Facebook
Billy Woodson	--	Returning member
Audrey	Lapidary	Website
Phil	General	--
Celeste	Jewelry, art	Web search
Ron	Gold panner	Returning member
Karen	General	TOTE Show
Kazzy	Lapidary	TOTE Show
Danielle	General	Facebook

Programs: Pamm Bryant announced that her July Program will be about Wildacres.

Treasurer: Dave announced that club funds were ok.

Club Activities: Andy Dietz advised the members that he already has 50 interested parties for tables for the November Swap and Sale and if there were club members interested in getting tables that they should not delay. He also announced that the Club would participate in the Treasures of the Earth show in September.

Other Activities: Valerie Johnson announced that she will be having a wire wrapping and bead wrapping class in June. Contact her for more information. (*Editor's Update – No July or August classes.*)

Lapidary: Lynn announced that the club needed two members to volunteer for helping the search committee in finding a new place to have Lapidary classes. Please contact Lynn if you can help

There was no further business for the evening and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. at which time Pamm introduced the speaker for the night, Mr. Thomas Hale, Club Historian, who spoke about the Trap Rock Quarries of Northern Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Toth, Recording Secretary

June Board Meeting Notes

For the Richmond Gem & Mineral Society

June 14, 2022

The June 2022 RGMS Board meeting was opened by President Lynn Taylor at 6:30 p. m. in the Ridge Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Additional attendees were Pamm Bryant, Andy Dietz, Jim Campbell, Dave Hutchison, Bob Simon, Kathy Paine, Richard Starr, Thomas Hale, Eddie Patton, Ken Turner, Valerie Johnson, Frank, and Debra Toth.

Pamm Bryant announced the speakers that she has scheduled for the following months;

Thomas Hale – June

Pamm Bryant – July

Rudy Bland – August

Julia Paine – September

Annual Auction will be the October meeting

Scott Duresky – November

Annual election and Christmas Party

Dave Hutchison stated that the treasury is ok and that he has made miscellaneous payments to Jim Campbell and Carl Williams. Dave also noted that the church will let us have our July on the 19th as they have VBS on our regularly scheduled Tuesday.

Bob Simon advised that he has registration forms for the Annual Swap and Sale. He also asked Dave to order the tables for the Swap. Andy Dietz added that he already has over 50 inquiries for tables so far. Table cost will go up slightly this year due to change in vendor.

Kathy Paine announced that the Mini Miners had gone on 2 recent field trips. One to the Pipsico Scout Reservation and one to the RGMS ore pile. They also practiced their metal detecting skills in preparation for a field trip in the near future to private property near a Civil War battlefield.

OLD BUSINESS

Lynn brought up the subject of our need to have a new place to have our Lapidary Class as Richard Starr's garage will no longer be available. To that end, he asked for volunteers to form a committee to look into another place to have the classes. Board member volunteers were Kathy Paine, Richard Starr, and Jim Campbell. Lynn will also ask for member participation at the membership meeting.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Toth, Recording Secretary

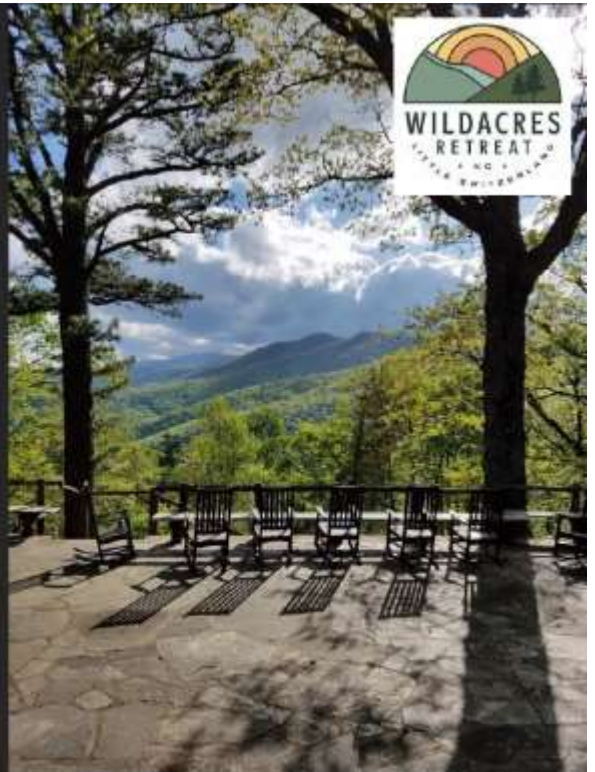
WILDACRES



Join us this month as our intrepid prospector, Pamm Bryant presents "Wildacres".



At an elevation of 3,300 feet, Wildacres Retreat is situated on just over 1200 acres atop Pompey's Knob, just off the Blue Ridge Parkway in Little Switzerland, NC. As past Director and Registrar, Pamm will share her unique insights into the activities and enjoying this week-long camp.



RGMS Membership Meeting • July 19, 2022 • 7:00 pm • Ridge Baptist Church Meeting Hall

BOLO (be on the lookout)

RGMS needs a suitable space to house our lapidary shop.

Electricity and water are the basic needs.

Contact Kathy Paine, Richard Starr or Jim Campbell for more details.



RGMS Membership Information

Dues for 2022 can be paid at the Membership Meeting or mailed (due in January)

2022 CLUB DUES

- Adult**..... \$12
- Family**..... \$18
(includes children under 18)
- Junior (14-17)**..... \$5
- Mini Miner** \$3
(under 14 with adult sponsor)

Mail your Dues to:
RGMS
1622 Rocky Ford Road
Powhatan, VA 23139

Jewelry Bench Tips

By Bradford Smith



HOMEMADE WAX TOOLS

Save your used X-Acto or scalpel blades for utility work on the bench. They're wonderful for delicate wax work. Use a cutoff wheel or other type of grinding wheel to shape the blades to what you need.

For instance, you can carve away excess metal on the spine to make yourself some narrow carving knives that do a great job of detailing small, pierced areas of your waxes.



REMOVING A STONE FROM A BEZEL

If you've forgotten to use dental floss and got your stone caught in a bezel, there's one thing you can try before starting to pry.

Find some sticky wax or beeswax. Roll it into a pencil-sized cylinder and stick the end onto the top of the stone. Mold it on well and yank.

But if the stone is really stuck, there are two other tricks - but each with risks and consequences. The first is to pry open the bezel with a sharp knife blade being very careful not to wrinkle or tear the bezel. If you try this, make sure to pry gently in several passes around the stone.

The last solution is to drill a small hole into the bezel setting from the back side so that you can push the stone out. Note that this does leave a hole, but in some cases, you can use it to saw out a design under the stone.



Smart Solutions for Your Jewelry Making Problems: [Amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith](https://www.amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith)

The search is on!

Target: Original **articles** written by members, **photos**, or original **artworks** by members for publication in the newsletter.

Items submitted may be entered into the EFMLS Annual Bulletin Editor's Contest for Fabulous Prizes!

Mini Miners are strongly encouraged to participate.

Send your original works to thecollectingbag@yahoo.com



Upcoming Shows

July 24 - 31, 2022 –MAGMA Rockhound Roundup. Vendors welcome. Follow link for details;
<http://www.americanrockhound.com/magma/magmaupcomingevents.htm>

Sep 30 – Oct 2, 2022 –MAGMA Land of the Sky Rock Show. Swannanoa, NC. Watch for flyer in next month's RGMS Newsletter

The **Wildacres Fall session will be September 5 – 11, 2022**. The Speaker-in-Residence will be Mary Ehlers, a jewelry artist, goldsmith, and jewelry designer recognized for her custom jewelry. She is sure to be a great addition to our Wildacres Fall experience. She will be accompanied with her husband, Stephen Toth. Classes (see pages 13-16) include Cabochons, Chainmaille, Flint Knapping, Loop N Loop, Soapstone Carving and Viking Knit/Wire Works. See the EFMLS website: www.efmls.org

The **2022 EFMLS Annual Convention will be September 23-24, 2022** sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania Rock and Mineral Club, Harrisburg, PA. There is a fieldtrip to National Limestone, Mt. Pleasant Mills Quarry on Sunday at 10:00 am. There is no fee to attend but you must be registered for the convention. According to Mindat.org, this quarry is famous for the abundance of calcite crystals, both clear and orange in color, and tank-colored dogtooth calcites—many of them are highly fluorescent. For registration form or more info, please contact Barbara Hadley (thecollectingbag@yahoo.com) or check the EFMLS website: www.efmls.org

Note: Due to time constraints, the postally mailed copy of *The Collecting Bag* will be printed in black and white until further notice.



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